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In the application of:

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For: NUDE MOUSE MODEL FOR HUMAN
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 13 September 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 13 December 2001. All pending claims, claims 1-65 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Applicants greatly appreciate the thoughtful consideration given to their undersigned attorney in an interview on this application held 14 November 2001. The kindness of the Examiner in agreeing to enter a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was particularly appreciated. Applicants sincerely apologize for the delay in submitting this statement which includes documents cited in unsuccessful

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oppositions against the European and Japanese counterparts. They are grateful that these documents will be made of record.

In the present response, careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, to the relevance of the documents cited in opposition, and to the discussion at the interview. The following amendment and discussion are offered to place the application in a position for allowance by providing documentation as discussed at the interview. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Enclosed is the following Exhibit A:

Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.